

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### WAS JESUS AN ARYAN?

Prof. Paul Haupt informs us that in the *Neue Revue* for October, 1908, an article appeared by A. Wirth, entitled "War Christus ein Arier?"—the same subject as the article of Professor Haupt in the April *Open Court*. Professor Harnack comments on it in a subsequent number of the same periodical saying, "Had Jesus not been a Jew, his Jewish antagonists would certainly not have ignored the fact. Whether, however, he was an Aryan in the sense that Treitschke, Rietschl, Leibniz, etc., are 'Slavs,' that is, whether there were several drops of Aryan blood in him, is no longer to be determined and in my opinion without interest."

It is a strange coincidence that this same topic has been broached almost simultaneously on both sides of the Atlantic. Though Professor Wirth's article appeared before Professor Haupt's, we may state that Professor Haupt has utilized his article several times as a lecture, first in August 1908, and it had been announced for the American Oriental Society, which convened in April 1908.

In our opinion, there can be no question but Jesus was a Galilean by birth. The story of his birth in Bethlehem is conceded by higher critics to be a later invention. The Galileans were fanatical Jews according to their religion, but they were a mixed race, and we will grant to Professor Haupt that Galilee has been peopled by immigrants of Aryan descent. Granting the argument we are, however, not prepared to say that Jesus was an Aryan. First we know that the Aryan immigrants were not pure Aryan but, like the Persians and even more than they, were considerably mixed with Semitic blood, for their ancestors had been living among Semites for centuries; and in addition we know that many Syrian and Phœnicians, and remnants of the aboriginal population were living in Galilee. All we can say is that Jesus was a Galilean, and the Galileans were a people of mixed blood.

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### A SONG OF ACADEMIC LIBERTY.

BY IDA AHLBORN WEEKS.

Arise, who bend o'er song and story,  
Who search for truth in her retreat;  
What profits all your learned glory  
If freedom suffer a defeat?